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## Marginal Column

By ZEEV LAQUEUR

PEOPLE interested in psychic research and para-psychology, pupils of Mme. Blavatski and Gourdjiev, spiritualists and the general reader will undoubtedly find much interest in a story published in "The New York Times" of April 8. There have been many reports about table-turning, extra-sensory communication and similar phenomena but, to the best of our knowledge, this is the first report of an attack of ghosts on a whole village called Husan, eight miles south-west of Jerusalem. It was reported by Kenneth Love and carried by "The New York Times" on page one.

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"NIGHT raiders made a two-pronged attack on this village... In contrast to Nahalin, the atmosphere here at Husan was of proud satisfaction. Sixty tattered guardsmen stood muster in a ragged double line each holding an ancient Lee-Enfield rifle... The olive grove on the west side of the village that bore the brunt of the attack had heaps of Thompson submachine guns and .30 caliber ammunition marked with the Star of David and Hebrew letters behind every tree... The gray bark of the olive trees near a Bren gun position was ripped by hand grenade fragments. A heavy trail of blood led from behind a tree directly in front of the Bren gun to a sheltered corner behind the terraced wheat field. An empty morphine syringe and a bloody field dressing..." And so on for 143 lines.

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*THE one thing that has been established beyond doubt, is that Israel forces were not involved in this or any other skirmish on that particular night.* It appears highly unlikely, on the other hand, that Husan was attacked by Syrian, Egyptian or Jordan forces, and we shall have to take refuge in our original assumption concerning the ghosts.

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THE proud satisfaction of the sixty tattered National guardsmen is well merited: not every village is attacked by one hundred ghosts (to quote the estimate of Colonel Hassan), and who has ever heard of one hundred ghosts being repulsed with casualties by sixty volunteer guardsmen? Milton, to be sure, told the fallen cherubs that to be weak is to be miserable, but from this to the Husan olive grove is a far cry. Using a morphine syringe after such a failure would be a natural reaction indeed. Alas poor ghosts! The real reason for the defeat was probably that the ghost attack started at 10.50 p.m., according to the above-mentioned Colonel Hassan: Why couldn't they wait until midnight when spirits walk the earth? Never since Diomedes drove his spear into the belly of the god Area, who let forth a yell as loud as the war cry of nine thousand battling men, have immortals received such a sound beating. The memory of the sixty valiant National Guardsmen and their faithful chronicler should not be allowed to fade.

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HEROSTRATUS, in bygone days, had to burn the temple of Artemis at Ephesus to make his name immortal. But the science of public relations and the promotion of publicity appear to have been little developed in those days, and journalists were not as fastworking as now. It is, of course, much easier today: Give the Jordan expert a few dozen cartridges with the Star of David, a few pints of ox blood and a broken syringe and you'll get your front page story with a two-column headline. The time has come, said Mr. Love, to write of many things: of ghosts, Husan and olive groves, of cartridge and syringe: and if the Guards are satisfied and Munchhausen has wings.

*Jerusalem, April 18.*

### Eliezer Rieger, 58, Dead in Jerusalem

Professor Eliezer Rieger, Director General of the Ministry of Education and Culture, died yesterday evening at his home in Jerusalem after a long illness. He was 58. The funeral will leave at 3 p.m. today from his home, 3 Rehov Ibn Ezra, Jerusalem.

Professor Rieger was born in Galicia in 1896. He came to this country in 1920 and soon started working in the field of education. From 1930 to 1933, he taught and did research work in Chicago. On his return, he worked for the Jewish Agency and the Vaad Leumi as a school inspector. In 1940, Dr. Rieger was invvited by the Hebrew University to be Director of the Department of Education, and in 1951 he became Director of the Ministry of Education. He was Chairman of the World Union for Jewish Education.

His published works include "The History of Modern Times," "Ivrit Yom Yom," and a book on modern Hebrew, in English.

### AFTER MIDNIGHT

The U.S. High Commissioner in West Germany, Dr. James Conant, said last night he expected that country to achieve "essential sovereignty" within the next year. He said that termination of West Germany's occupational status "depended upon final ratification of the E.D.C. treaty."

# US Promises to Defend West Europe from Attack

## Mid-East Pact Seen As Asian Sequel

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Sunday. — The establishment of an international defence pact for East Asia is expected here to have an early sequel in American proposals for a parallel organisation in the Middle East. Once the Western Powers are associated for defence purposes outside the Atlantic, it seems probable that they will extend the area even though at first they may have to proceed without Indian cooperation.

More is becoming known now about the proposed organisation of the new pact area. America, Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, Siam and the three Associated States of Indo-China are regarded as the probable founder members.

India is expected to stay out, and American pressure for the inclusion of Formosa and South Korea has already run into stiff opposition here and in Paris.

Pakistan is too far west to qualify, but will obviously become one of the keystones of the parallel organization for Western Asia, although Turkey is likely to be its real centre.

The Far Eastern region is to have its military headquarters in Singapore with a unified Allied Command headed by an American, assisted by a British deputy in charge of air and sea operations and a French land commander. The latter presumably would have special responsibilities for Indo-China, but in the event of a French defeat there, the decision whether to commit non-French forces would be up to the American Supreme Commander.

Since Vice-President Nixon has now indicated that Washington intends, if necessary, to commit American ground forces in this theatre, the question of continuing the war there would no longer be a purely French matter.

None of this is as yet official, but enough has leaked out to show that Whitehall, in principle, is satisfied with the broad outlines of the proposed plan. From the British viewpoint, it has the advantage of cancelling America's pact with Australia and New Zealand from which Britain was excluded. This exclusion was resented here and the new plan is regarded as a success for the British view that Britain and

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### U.S. Air Force To Leave Korea

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP). — The Air Force plans to withdraw its combat units from Korea during the year starting July 1, it was disclosed yesterday.

Testimony made public by a House Appropriations Subcommittee also contained a warning by Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Air Force Chief of Staff, that Russia is switching plane production from B-29 copies to "more advanced long-range bomber types" able to hit the U.S. with A-bombs and H-bombs.

## Bid for French Support of EDC

AUGUSTA, Georgia, Sunday. — President Eisenhower has emphasized for Western Europe a new defence doctrine which would regard an attack "from whatever quarter" as a threat to the security of the U.S.

In a long-considered move obviously designed to win French and Italian support for the ratification of the European Defence Community treaty, the President, in the extraordinary statement issued from his vacation headquarters here on Friday, said that the U.S. would continue to maintain its forces in Western Germany "while a threat to that area exists."

Diplomatic sources regarded the President's pledge concerning the possibility of an attack "from whatever quarter" as designed principally to ensure the jittery French against any possible build-up of German forces along their border.

President Eisenhower also stated that the U.S. would consult with fellow signatories to the North Atlantic Pact and with the EDC nations "on questions of mutual concern," including the strength of armed forces to be placed at the disposal of the Allied Supreme Commander in Europe.

**Closest Integration**

The U.S. would encourage the closest possible integration between the EDC forces on the one hand and the U.S. and NATO forces on the other, he added.

The U.S. would also continue "in conformity with the President's recommendations to Congress, to seek means of extending to the Atlantic Community increased security by sharing, in a greater measure, information with respect to the military utilization of new weapons and techniques for the improvement of collective security."

President Eisenhower's statement was contained in a special message to the Prime Ministers of the six EDC signatory nations — France, Italy, West Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

*(UP, Reuter)*

## West Notified Of E. German Freedom

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. Vladimir Semeonov, Soviet High Commissioner in Germany, today formally notified the three Western High Commissioners that East Germany was entitled to settle her own interior and foreign affairs, including her relations with West Germany.

In identical letters to the three High Commissioners published by the East German news agency ADN, Mr. Semeonov accused the Western Powers of evading Soviet proposals for East-West German talks aimed at alleviating the effects of the division of Germany.

Over 2,000 West Berliners demonstrated yesterday against the alleged kidnapping from West Berlin of Alexander Trushnovich, a leading Russian *émigré*, last Tuesday.

West Berlin police said earlier that they had received a report from an agent in East Berlin claiming that the kidnapping had been ordered by the Soviet secret service. They also said that another anti-Communist leader has disappeared and is believed to have been lured into the Soviet sector of Berlin and arrested.

Dr. Wolf Silgradt, leader of the anti-Communist "League for Human Rights," vanished on February 20.

## W. Europe Welcomes Ike's Statement

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — France, Britain, Italy and Western Germany officially welcomed President Eisenhower's declaration of U.S. support for the European Army plan, but diplomatic quarters feared that it was unlikely to swing the French Parliament to whole-hearted support of EDC.

Just as with Britain's promise of association with EDC, announced earlier this week, political quarters felt that the American promise to maintain troops on the Continent after EDC is ratified would win over only a small number of French opposition deputies.

In any case, Friday's American move was hardly expected to influence the all-out opposition of the 100 Communist and 77 Gaullist deputies, as well as that of the Conservative members who do not want France to join an integrated European Army. Many French deputies who have not taken a final decision have also been impressed by the opposition of Marshal Juin and former Radical Finance Minister Edgar Faure.

Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, on the other hand, let it be known that he was fully satisfied that the U.S. had fulfilled France's conditions on the maintenance of American forces in Europe.

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman said there was no doubt that the U.S. was committing itself to a forward strategy. The reference to the closest integration of EDC and NATO forces meant that an American division would be integrated at army corps level with the EDC forces.

## Nixon: US Would Send Troops To Indo-China if France Quits

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP). — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is due to arrive here today for the start of new international consultations generally understood as aimed "to get China out of Indo-China." The seriousness of American officials in this matter was emphasized sensationally over the week-end by the comment of Vice-President Richard Nixon that the U.S. might send troops to help Indo-China in the unlikely event of French withdrawal there.

A State Department spokesman explained that this was Mr. Nixon's view on what to do under a highly unlikely hypothesis, but added that Mr. Nixon "correctly emphasized the fact that the interests of the U.S. and other free nations are vitally involved with the interests of France and the Associated States in resisting Communist domination of Indo-China."

The Vice-President's remark did more than anything President Eisenhower or Secretary Dulles has done recently to arouse the public to the importance with which American leaders view Indo-China.

Senator Michael Mansfield (Democrat), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said last night that any U.S. intervention in Indo-China "might prove to be the start of World War III. If we go into Indo-China it is a good bet that China will come in to an even greater extent than it is participating at present. It is a further bet that Communist China would re-open the war in Korea."

Mr. Nixon spoke "off the record" before a group of editors in Washington on Friday, and was quoted in the American Press as a "high Administration source." Later he was identified as the source after European newspapers connected his name with the statement.

In Paris, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said that any speculation that France might pull out of Indo-China and leave the fight to American troops is a "gratuitous supposition."

Even though Mr. Nixon stressed that he believed France would stand fast in Indo-China, the story caused a sensation.

## French Abandon Post At Dien Bien Phu

HANOI, Sunday (Reuter). — French Union troops today evacuated an outpost on the north-western edge of the defences of Dien Bien Phu. The outpost had been cut off by the Vietminh attackers, and French armoured cars had to fight their way through to evacuate the defenders.

The post guarded the north-western end of the airstrip, but the French Command pointed out that the runway has been useless for some time now. The shortening of the lines, it was claimed, had enabled the defenders to clear out Vietminh units who had penetrated closer to the centre of the fortress.

During the night, French planes dropped several hundred parachutists over the besieged fortress. All were volunteers, most of whom had never "jumped" before.

### India Views Unchanged On Asian Defence

NEW DELHI, Sunday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Nehru said yesterday that India's views on the collective defence of South-East Asia would remain unchanged in the light of the recent Anglo-American communique.

Referring to his appeal for an immediate cease-fire in Indo-China, he told the House of the People, "The question of a cessation of hostilities is still in our view the important one and can open the way to further negotiations."

India welcomed the Geneva conference and hoped it would bring the war to an end, he said.

Speaking in Madras state today, Mr. Nehru reiterated that there could be no solution to the problem of foreign possessions in India except that "these possessions must become a complete part of India."

### Ana Pauker Associate Executed As Spy

VIENNA, Sunday (UP). — The Rumanian Government today announced the execution of Lucretziu Patrascanu, a former Minister of Justice and associate of the once-powerful Ana Pauker, as the ringleader of an "American plot" to overthrow the Bucharest regime.

Another defendant was also executed while nine others were sentenced to long prison terms. Patrascanu signed the Rumanian-Soviet armistice in Moscow and subsequently represented his government at the signing of the Paris Peace Treaty with his country. He was purged from the Rumanian Communist Party in 1947 on the grounds of "bourgeois nationalism" and is believed to have been held in prison ever since.

Anna Pauker was purged as Rumanian Foreign Minister in 1952.

### C-o-L RISES ONE POINT

The cost-of-living index rose by one point during March, the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research has announced. The index now stands at 217 points (September, 1951—100).

The increase was due mainly to increased prices of beans, beer, tomatoes, cigarettes and travel. Washing soap increased in price while toilet soap dropped. The increases were partly offset by reductions in the prices of potatoes, bananas and confections.

Figures for selected previous months are: September, 1951 — 100; January, 1952 — 113; January, 1953—181; January, 1954—214.

## 2 Planes Make Forced Landings in Israel

Two planes "gate-crashed" Israel territory over the week-end. An UNRWA plane strayed on its way from Cairo to Beirut yesterday, probably owing to bad visibility, the Army spokesman has announced, while a Sabena plane with 54 passengers landed at Lydda on Friday afternoon owing to a sandstorm at Cairo airport.

The pilot of the Sabena, a DC-6, asked the Cairo authorities for permission to land at Lydda, but he was told in reply that a state of war existed between Egypt and Israel and that he must proceed to Beirut.

Even though he explained that he did not have sufficient fuel to fly further than Lydda, permission was still refused. Nevertheless, he insisted on landing at Lydda.

His passengers were transferred to another Sabena plane which by chance was standing by at the airport, and they thus continued their journey to Athens and Brussels.

After light repairs, the first plane also proceeded on its journey.

The UNRWA plane flew over Israel territory on Saturday morning without giving prior notice, the Army spokesman has announced.

Air Force planes approached the "intruder" and, acting on their instructions, the pilot landed at Lydda. After the plane's identity was established, it was permitted to resume its flight. The passengers on the plane refused to leave during the check.

### FLOCK STOLEN FROM EIN GEDDI

A number of animals were stolen at dawn on Friday from Ein Geddi by infiltrators from Jordan, the Army spokesman has announced. Tracks led to the border, and an Air Force plane patrolling the armistice line spotted two khaki-clad men leading the animals towards the Jordan village of Itta.

## 800 Cross Lines In Two Hours

Jerusalem Post Staff

Christian residents and pilgrims celebrated Easter Sunday in Jerusalem this year simultaneously with Pessah for the first time in 27 years.

Mandelbaum Gate had one of its heaviest mornings yesterday with 600 pilgrims crossing through to the Old City and 200 crossing into Jewish Jerusalem, all between 6 and 8 a.m.

The Consular Corps, which, by tradition, enters the Old City through the Jaffa Gate, opened only for them and only on special occasions, had to use the Mandelbaum Gate this year as the Jordan authorities had refused to open the City Gate.

**Agamemnon Tourists**

Among the pilgrims crossing into Jordan territory were the 361 French passengers of the Greek 5,500 ton s.s. Agamemnon which arrived in Haifa at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday on her maiden voyage.

The Foreign Ministry and the Chief Rabbinate had made efforts to persuade the organizers of the Agamemnon's cruise, the Croisier de France, to alter her itinerary so as to avoid her arrival on the Sabbath. But the organizers informed the Globe company that the itinerary could not be revised.

A skeleton staff of officials was present in the Port to receive the ship, and all the passengers disembarked within 40 minutes. No porters were on duty, and the passengers carried their own luggage to the five Egged and four Sightseeing buses which waited for them on the quay, a few metres from the ship.

No customs checks were made, and the passengers were given Israel currency inside the buses by a Globe company official. At the visitors' request, a French priest, resident in Israel, met the vessel and accompanied the pilgrims on their tour of this country.

### POPE CALLS FOR ATOM BOMB BAN

ROME, Sunday (Reuter). — Pope Pius XII in his Easter broadcast today issued a warning against "new arms of destruction of terrifying violence" and called for a ban on atomic, biological and chemical warfare.

# Nasser Again Premier As Nagib Made Figure-Head

## Security Council Debates Today

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter) — The U.N. Security Council will meet again tomorrow afternoon to resume consideration of Israel-Jordan relations.

An attempt by the Israel delegation to have the meeting postponed so as not to conflict with the second day of Passover, which is observed in the Diaspora as a holiday, failed when Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, of the Soviet Union, who is Chairman, refused to shift the date. As a result, the Israel delegation will not be present.

Two meetings and seven hours of discussion so far have failed to bring any agreement on how the issue shall be discussed.

**Repudiated Agreement**

Israel has charged that Jordan had virtually repudiated the Armistice Agreement between the two coutries by refusing to join in high-level talks as suggested by Israel, and by allowing armed attacks on Israel citizens and property.

The Lebanon, on behalf of Jordan, has asked the Council to censure Israel for an attack, allegedly by Israel armed forces, on the Jordan village of Nahalin on March 28.

Supported by the Soviet Union, the Lebanon has asked that her complaint be considered separately. The Western Powers have urged that the whole issue of Israel-Jordan relations should be considered at the same time.

**Lebanese Statement**

Foreign Minister Alfred Naccache, of the Lebanon, said yesterday that the attitude of the Arab states at the Security Council would be dictated by the Western attitude in the debates. He made his statement following a conference with the ambassadors of the Arab states at which the latest developments on the Israel-Arab problem were discussed.

Later, Mr. Naccache received the French, British and U.S. envoys to convey to them the results of the conference. He announced, "We will not take a negative attitude unless the Council is too one-sided."

On Friday night, press reports circulated in Beirut that the Lebanon may withdraw from the Security Council if her complaint on behalf of Jordan is rebuffed.

## Army Junta Strengthens Grip

CAIRO, Sunday. — President Mohammed Nagib swore-in Lieut.-Col. Gamal Abdul Nasser as Premier today after the latter had grasped the reins of government from the former in a Cabinet reshuffle announced just after midnight. In the reshuffle, all Nagib's supporters were dropped. Nasser also succeeded to the chairmanship of the Revolution Command Council, leaving Nagib as nothing more than a figure-head.

The move, approved by the military junta, represented a new victory for Nasser in his struggle for power with Nagib and his determination to keep Egypt under military rule. The first meeting of the new Cabinet was held last night. Later, a spokesman said that no new policies had been adopted.

A decree forming the new government was issued by Nagib on the recommendation of the Revolution Council following an eight-hour meeting.

The Cabinet changes took place on the same day on which Nagib returned to his office for the first time since exhaustion sent him to bed after the crisis over internal politics 10 days ago.

Altogether, a Cabinet of 21 ministers was installed. It included two more members of the junta which deposed King Farouk. It eliminated all five ministers who supported Nagib or wavered between the two rivals.

Nasser told the United Press today, "The new Cabinet will continue the policy on which the Revolution has been based until now. There will be no change in domestic or foreign policy."

**Overthrown in February**

The Nagib-Nasser feud started when Nagib was overthrown by Colonel Abdul Nasser on February 25. Two days later, public opinion, and a section of the Revolution Council, brought back Nagib as President only, with reduced powers.

Ten days later, Nagib resumed the Premiership, forcing Nasser to return to his original post as Vice-Premier.

On March 29, Nasser and the military junta overruled Nagib and his supporters and cancelled the decree for the return to parliamentary life, thus foreshadowing Nasser's latest move.

Several previous resignations from the Government had prepared the way for the latest act in the Nagib-Nasser drama.

Mohammed Hassan Ibrahim takes over the new post of Minister of State for the Presidency of the Republic, and Lieut.-Col. Hussein Shefe'i, Commander of the Armoured Corps, becomes Minister of War and Marine.

The former War Minister, Wing Commander Abdel Latif Boghdadi, replaces Dr. William Selim Hannath (resigned) as Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs.

Other changes are: Minister of Finance Abdel Hamid Sherif replaces Dr. Guelil Emary, who resigned last month; Minister of Commerce and Industry Dr. Hassan Marey replaces Dr. Hassan Boghdadi; Minister of Education Dr. Mohammed Awad Mohamed replaces Abbas Ammar; Honeidy Abdel Malek becomes Minister of Supplies, and Fathi Radwan replaces Ali el Giretly as Minister of State for Economic Affairs. *(UP, Reuter)*

### BRITISH SOLDIER SLAIN IN SUEZ

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — One British soldier was killed, and one seriously injured, in renewed outbreaks of violence in the Suez Canal Zone over the week-end.

While acting as an escort to a British army vehicle a British soldier was shot and killed when three Egyptians opened fire on the car at Port Said yesterday. The previous night another British serviceman was stabbed and injured in the same town.

British military authorities also reported another incident on Friday night when shots were fired for about 40 minutes into a British camp in the Suez area. The guards returned the fire. There were no British casualties.

## Bunche Slated For High UN Post

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter) — Dr. Ralph Bunche is expected to emerge as one of the three most important figures in the U.N. Secretariat as the result of changes in high-ranking positions which the Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjoeld, is contemplating.

Dr. Bunche, who won fame for his mediatory efforts in Palestine, is likely to be named as Under-Secretary without portfolio to serve as special adviser to the Secretary-General on important issues.

**Available for Mediation**

This would make him available if necessary for mediatory tasks such as those in Palestine for which he received the Nobel Peace prize.

Mr. Ilya S. Chernyshev, of the Soviet Union, Assistant Secretary-General in charge of political and Security Council affairs, is reported to be in line also for appointment as Under-Secretary without portfolio but with overall responsibility for his present department.

Dr. Bunche and Mr. Chernyshev would thus form the top level of the Secretariat under Mr. Hammarskjoeld.

## New US Policy for Middle East Proposed by Prominent Americans

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP) — A blueprint for a new American policy in the Middle East was submitted to President Eisenhower today by a group of 19 prominent Americans.

The programme contains four points:

1) Neither the U.S. nor its Allies should send military aid to the Arab States "until there is a permanent settlement of the Israel-Arab crisis."

2) The U.S. should request the U.N. to invoke its machinery to bring together the parties in the interest of a permanent negotiated peace settlement.

3) The U.S. should contribute 70% of a $500m. international fund to be put at the disposal of a Regional Resources Development Board for the Middle East. The Board would come into existence simultaneously with a settlement of the "Palestine" crisis and with the agreement by the Arabs to absorb the 800,000 refugees of the war with Israel. Arab countries receiving or expecting large oil royalties should be invited to make a fair contribution to the fund.

4) The U.S. should continue to help the refugees, but should stipulate that future funds go into a permanent $300m. resettlement programme administered by the U.N. to which both Israel and the Arab states should be invited to contribute.

Among the 19 signatories of the appeal, a copy of which was sent to U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjoeld, were Dr. Henry Atkinson, General Secretary of the Church Peace Union; Rev. Van Lee Holt, President of the World Methodist Council; Rev. Charles Gilbert, retired Episcopal Bishop of New York; Rev. John Mackay, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church; Mr. James Patton, President of the National Farmers' Union; Mr. Jacob Potofsky, Chairman of the International Committee of the C.I.O.; and Dr. Arthur McGiffert, President of the Chicago Theological Seminary.

### Denmark May Recall Bennike, Paper Says

COPENHAGEN, Sunday. (INA) — General Vagn Bennike, U.N. Chief of Staff, may be recalled by the Danish Foreign Ministry in order to prevent "damaging relations between Israel and Denmark," according to "Ekstabladet", the Copenhagen evening paper.

Interviewed in Jerusalem, General Bennike said he believed that Jordan and Israel might be "compelled" to cooperate. They must be told that economic aid would be halted if they failed to reach an understanding. He realised that Israel, surrounded by 30 million Arabs, was in a difficult position. In particular, he added, he would like to see the settlement of the Jordan River conflict, but neither side would yield on this issue.

### U.S. Intends to 'Balance' Aid to Israel, Arabs

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — "The New York Times" reported today that America intends to increase economic aid to Arab states in order to balance past grants to Israel.

The report said the Arab states would receive substantial American aid for economic development in 1954/55 if Congress approved the plans of the Foreign Operations Administration.

By increasing this type of help to the Arabs, the Eisenhower Administration believed it would bring a more equitable distribution than in the past between Israel and the Arab states, the paper added.

### $4m. in 'Point Four' Allocated for Egypt

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP). — The Foreign Operations Administration on Friday disclosed plans to allocate $4m. to Egypt under Point Four aid during the coming fiscal year. The increase of $800,000 over last year reflected Egypt's increasing ability and desire to utilize the skills being made available under the programme, F.O.A. said.

Jordan will be compelled to reconsider her basic attitude towards the Point Four schemes as the proposals for the new fiscal year made by the scheme are not identical with her national aspirations, Foreign Minister Khalidi announced in Amman tonight

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## Social & Personal

Habimah presented the Hebrew premiere of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" last night. Those present included the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, and the Swedish Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Jens Malling.

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A delegation of 65 has arrived in Israel for the Pessah holidays, as the guests of AMPAL—American Israel Corporation. They will remain through Independence Day, and will make a complete study of Ampal projects and investments, and of the economic conditions of the country. They include: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Free, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kamesar, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Tannenbaum, Mrs. J. Hurwitz, all of Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Singer of Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. Boris Weiner and daughter of Los Angeles; Dr. and Mrs. Max W. Bay of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Esfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Meltzer, all of Seattle, Washington; Mr. Jacobo Flitman, Mr. Chaim Zigelberg, and Mr. Moises Caplivsky, of Venezuela; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smelkinson and daughter of Baltimore, Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. J. Gershonsky, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lurie, of Newark, New Jersey; Mr. and Mrs. Max Targ, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Rotman, Mr. and Mrs. Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Kalm, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, all of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Zuckerman, of Chattanooga, Tennessee; Mr. and Mrs. Juan Lang, of Buenos Aires, Argentina; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sterman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Zallen, of Boston; Mrs. E. Zajdman of Mexico City; Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg of Waterbury, Conn.; Mr. Siegel, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Spielberg, Mr. Cowl, Mr. Chaich, all of Minneapolis; Miss Yetta Shulimson, Mrs. Gertrude Levine and Mr. and Mrs. Chomsky, of New York; Dr. Morris Mark of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Mr. and Mrs. Korstein, of Los Angeles.

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Mr. M. Schneider, one of the heads of the U.J.A. in New York, has arrived for a short visit.

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Mr. V. Miladinovic, representing the Yugoslav cattle exporting industry, arrived last week to discuss orders for Yugoslav cattle.

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*BIRTHS*

HARRIS — To Muriel and Sidney Harris, Tel Aviv, on April 13, 1954 — a son.

SHER — To Shifra, wife of Mr. Daniel Sher of Jerusalem, on Saturday, April 17, 1954, at the Misgav Ladach Maternity Hospital — a son.

### SAPHIR FOR U.S.

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — Minister of Communications Joseph Saphir left by El Al this evening for a four-week visit to the U.S. on behalf of the U.J.A. Mr. Saphir will also negotiate the raising of capital for El Al and the purchase of equipment for Kishon Harbour.

## Where to go

**JERUSALEM**

★ **Lecture:** — "Reproductive Isolation and the Origin of Species." Dr. G. L. Stebbins, Professor of Genetics, University of California: Terra Sancta, Room 24, 4 p.m.

★ **Exhibitions:** — "Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel Pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10-6 p.m. Rembrandt etchings. Comparative exhibit of new and ancient art. Exhibit of the month: Hand-painted jug by Picasso, 9-1, 3-6 p.m.

"Spring Exhibition of Jerusalem Artists," Artists' House, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.

★ **Library:** — Lending Library and Reading Room, Centre de Culture Française, 3 Rehov Ben Yehuda. Entrance free, 10-1, 4.30-7 p.m.

★ **Film Shows:** — Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

★ **Theatre:** — "Pygmalion," Chamber Theatre, Edison Hall, 9 p.m.

**TEL AVIV**

★ **Exhibitions:** — General Exhibition of Israel Artists: paintings and sculpture by 210 artists. The Museum, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.

★ **Theatre:** — "Nasr-A-Din," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m. Habimah, "Macbeth," by William Shakespeare, Habimah Theatre, 8 p.m.

★ **Entertainment:** — Concert at Noga Cafe, from 5 p.m. to 12 midnight. Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.

**HAIFA**

★ **Exhibition:** — Paintings by Arthur W. Heintzelman (Boston), sculptures and drawings by Johannes G. Wertheim (Holland), also exhibition rare illustrated editions of the "Haggada" from the collection of Mr. H. Golnitski. Municipal Museum of Modern Art — Town Hall, 10-1, 4-8 p.m.

★ **Gramophone Recital:** — Bach: Concerto for violin, flute and cembalo; Brahms: Concerto for violin and 'cello; Mozart: Bastien and Bastienne—L.P. records — Pevsner House — 5 p.m.

**RAMAT GAN**

★ **Theatre:** — De-Re-Mi, "Victoria and Her Hussar," Rama Hall, 8.30 p.m.

★ **Entertainment:** — Radley's Ice Revue at the Ziratron, 4 and 8.30 p.m.

**RAMATAYIM**

★ **Theatre:** — Habimah, "Night of Storm," 8 p.m.

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# Giant Dredger Begins Work At JNF Huleh Drainage Scheme

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — A giant 1,800 h.p. dredger, the largest in the country, was put into operation on the Jewish National Fund Huleh Marsh Drainage Scheme last week.

The dredger, which pumps 300 cubic metres of mud and water an hour, belongs to the Construction Aggregates Corporation of Chicago and was brought to the country four months ago. It was sent to the Huleh area in parts and was assembled on the spot.

Operated by American experts, it has begun digging the eastern canal of the IL.10m. scheme which is to replace 60,000 dunams of marshes by farm land. A smaller, 700 h.p. dredger has been operating on the site for some time.

When the scheme is completed, within two years, the reclaimed area north of the Huleh, and including part of the lake, will permit the establishment of 2,000 farming units for intensive cultivation.

**For Irrigation Purposes**

The 100 million cubic metres of water now going to waste in the marshes will be used for irrigation throughout the country; the whole area will be rid of malaria and it will be possible to exploit the large peat reserve north of the Huleh.

According to the J.N.F. plan, a 9,000-dunam area of peat land, where there are deposits of at least 60% concentration, will be reserved for exploitation. Another 3,000-dunam area at the north-western end of the lake will be maintained as a reservation for rare flora and fauna.

The first stage of the drainage project, started in March 1951 and completed last year, entailed the widening and straightening of the Jordan bed for a 5.4 kilometre stretch from the river's source at the southern end of the Huleh up to the B'not Ya'acov bridge.

This work was made difficult by political complications resulting from the fact that the area is in the Demilitarized Zone. The work was essential because the Jordan's natural bed was too small to take all the waters that will be diverted from the marshes.

The second stage, now being carried out, consists of digging two main drainage canals north of the Huleh which will take the winter flood waters south, thus draining the marsh.

The eastern canal will be 19.5 km. long and 45 metres wide and will start north of Kfar Blum, a few kilometres south of the point where the Jordan headwaters unite, and will run south-west of the present Jordan bed which will be dry.

The western canal will be 16 km. long and 18 metres wide, starting from the Bureighith stream, northwest of Kfar Blum, and will run south roughly parallel to the eastern canal. Both canals will collect marsh waters on their way and will meet inside Lake Huleh, itself partly to be drained, and will continue south from there into the widened Jordan bed, south of the lake.

Part of the western canal has been dug, and the big dredger started work on the eastern canal last week. The two canals are linked by a third, running east to west, north of the lake, the purpose of which, too, is the collection of flood water and its transfer into the main canal.

This second stage is scheduled for completion in the summer of 1955. The third stage will consist of digging small drainage ditches to the main canals for the final draining of the entire area.

# Summer Plans For Tiberias' Growth

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — Considerable building and development activity is planned for Tiberias this summer.

The Palestine Economic Corporation has acquired a large share of the ownership of the crate factory here which is to be expanded and will also make boards for citrus crates. The number of workers is to be doubled to about 200.

P.E.C. is also planning to erect a large building in lower Tiberias to house a branch of the Mortgage Bank and other offices.

Work is under way in connection with preparing the land and completing water installation in order to enable the Government Housing Department to begin building a new quarter of 500 dwelling units. The project is designed for present residents of the ma'abara, which is due to be demolished.

The "Hamei Tiveria" company is also to contribute its share to the development of the town. The Treasury is to lend the company IL.120,000 in order to enable it to renew the construction of the new section of the baths.

A silent revolution has been taking place in this town without the public's realizing it. The number of municipal employees has been reduced by about 20%, without any reduction in vital services. This was made possible by coordinating collections and by uniting departments.

# IL. 10,000 Scholarship Fund Set Up at H.U.

A Moses Gelber Scholarship Fund for Jewish Studies, in the amount of IL.10,000, has been set up at the Hebrew University by Mr. Edward E. Gelber, of Toronto, Canada, President of the Zionist Organization of Canada, a member of the University's Board of Governors.

Awards will be made to aid in the publication of important works in the field of Jewish scholarship — preferably but not necessarily in connection with rabbinic or Talmudic literature — by members of the staff of the University's Institute of Jewish Studies or by advanced students of the Institute.

The Fund is intended to perpetuate the memory of Moses Gelber, father of Mr. Edward E. Gelber.

### SOCCER TEAM DRAWS

DURBAN, South Africa, Sunday (UP). — The touring Israel soccer team drew, 1-1, with Natal here yesterday.

Mirimovitch scored for the visitors in the 36th minute from a penalty kick.

In the second half, Gibson scored for Natal — also from a penalty kick.

# PACT

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2)

France must play a major part in Far Eastern arrangements.

There is some doubt whether Paris will want to commit itself before the Geneva talks, but whatever their outcome, it is now regarded as probable that some such organisation will be established. The Americans seem to have dropped their former notion that "colonial powers," meaning Britain and France, would have no place in such a scheme.

Mr. Dulles' abandonment of this relic of the Acheson era has won him some new regard here. There are, however, various snags to be overcome.

Some conservatives will dislike the idea of Malaya coming under an American Supreme Commander and the precedent this sets for the Middle East. The right-wing Republicans in Congress are already clamouring for Chiang Kai-shek and Syngman Rhee to be included, although they have been warned by Admiral Radford that this means inviting massive Chinese intervention in Vietnam.

On the left-wing, Mr. Nehru and Mr. Bevan are drawing together to oppose the whole scheme in the name of a policy of meeting Peking's wishes. Mr. Bevan's sudden, and, to some people, surprising action last week in publicly disassociating himself from the Party leadership on this issue is now thought to have been timed with an eye to the expected reaction in New Delhi.

Strong Indian condemnation of the scheme will bring Mr. Bevan the support of some waverers in the Party and embarass the official leadership. The prevalent view here is that if both the Bevanites and the "Formosa Firsters" under Senator Knowland can be kept under control, the scheme will go through and that eventually India will either join or at least not oppose it.

The way will then be clear for the establishment of a parallel organization in Western Asia, which will include the Middle East, but will not be exclusively Middle Eastern, and which will by-pass the whole Anglo-Arab complex by admitting only willing members.

In view of Pakistan's foundermembership of such an organization, it seems unlikely that Israel will be asked to join, while Egypt will presumably refuse anyhow. Special arrangements for individual countries are a likelihood.

The whole Western Asian organization will naturally be under an American Supreme Commander and its effective centre will be in Turkey, though a subsidiary headquarters may be located in Cyprus. This scheme has, however, to wait until the East Asian organization is firmly established and the British public has become used to the idea of America playing first fiddle in all regions.

# ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 491 M.; HAIFA: 260 M.; TEL AVIV: 33.3, 48.9 & 205 M.

**FIRST PROGRAMME**

**NEWS:** Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 8.30 p.m.

8.30 a.m. Service. 8.35 Exercises 8.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Music (R). 9.00 Service from the Catholic Church, Haifa. 10.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. Popular Loan Draw. 1.00 Light Music (R). 1.45 "The Voice of the Violin" (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 4.30 Musical Miniatures (R). 5.00 Piano Recital F. Landowsky. 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Opera (R). 7.45 Talk. 8.00 Passover Programme. 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 Answer to the Citizen. 9.00 Curtain up. 9.30 Light Music (R). 9.45 Collegium Musicum: Presented by Renna Samsonov, Max Lampel, Arieh Sacha & the "Collegium Musicum" Ensemble: Works by Purcell, Britten & Holst. 10.30 "Notturno." 11.05 Close Down.

**SECOND PROGRAMME**

468, 205, 215 & 48.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m. 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 34.9 & 468 M.): 6.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. French: 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): 11.15 News. Newsreel. 11.45 Sephardi Passover Songs.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Music. 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Sport in the Army. 8.30 News. 9.30 Concert. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (24.80; 24.92; 30.53; 30.90 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News; News Talk; Press Review.

VOICE OF AMERICA English Broadcasts: (16.9, 19.6, 41.4 M.): 5.00-5.30 p.m. Repeated at 8.00-8.30 p.m. on 25.6 & 31.3 M.

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Friday's Press:

# Pessah Messages For Our Time

Most editorials dealt with the recurrent theme of Pessah in our time.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) comments on the close relations between Israel and the Jews abroad and on the power of attraction of Israel and says that it will be impossible now to return to the restrictive national definitions of the Mandatory White Paper. "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) dwells on both the hopes and the dangers of the season in its editorial, expressing regrets that such meaningful events as the Oppenheimer and Rosenberg affairs have not opened the eyes of Jewry abroad to Zionism.

"Davar" (Histadrut) also deals with the ties between Israel and world Jewry and says that recent U.S. declarations about "equal" treatment of Israel and the Arab League governments is in fact tantamount to equal treatment of attackers and attacked, of warmongers and those who want peace. The paper believes that the decisive test of the policy of Mr. Byroade and his superiors is in the Arab reaction. Thus the "new," "neutral" policy is in fact pro-Arab.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) deals with the reported cut in the allocation of the grant-in-aid to Israel, while the Pessah issue of "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) is mainly dedicated to attacks against Mapam, which has "betrayed the cause of peace."

Individual contributions in "Herut" include an article by Mr. M. Begin on "when Churchill goes" and essays by two other writers on the new American foreign policy in the Middle East. Mr. G. Schocken, editor of "Ha'aretz" (Independent), writes on "border incidents and the central issues," and avers that our most important problem does not lie in the attacks from over the frontier, preoccupation with which would cause the "Balkanization" of this country — but in progress on the economic, cultural and social front. Mr. D. Ben Gurion in "Davar" deals with "Zionism and Aliya," replying to some critics (notably Maurice Samuel) and again emphasizing the decisive importance of immigration in the establishment and building of the State.

## "Russell Pasha" Dies in London

Sir Thomas Wentworth Russell, 74, known in the Middle East as Russell Pasha, died in London on April 10, "The Times" reports. He retired in June 1946, after having served in Egypt for 44 years.

Sir Thomas joined the Egyptian Civil Service in 1902, and when an Inspector of the Ministry of Interior he formed the Camel Corps. In 1917, he became Commandant of the Cairo Police, a post which he held under 33 different Egyptian administrations.

He acquired international fame by his outstanding achievements as Director of the Central Narcotics Intelligence Bureau, which was set up by the Egyptian Government on his suggestion, in 1929. He wrote an account of some of his experiences in his book, "Egyptian Service 1902-1946."

## R.A.F. Plane Found

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — The burnt-out wreckage of a plane found on a mountain peak in northern Saudi Arabia, about 65 miles south of Akaba, has been identified as that of the RAF Valetta which disappeared on April 2, while returning from a flood relief mission to Iraq. No trace has been found of the three members of the crew.

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# Jerusalem's Future Lies In Its Farm Hinterland, Weitz Says

The future of Jerusalem lies more in developing her agricultural hinterland than "artificial" industry, Mr. Yosef Weitz, Director of the Jewish National Fund's Land and Afforestation Department, said in a press tour of the Judean Hills recently.

From Manahat to Motza, 8,000-10,000 dunams of land can be, and are being cleared now. Irrigated with sewage water from the Capital, this area can be broken down into small farms of four to five dunams to be handworked, which will provide employment for about 2,000 persons, the approximate number of unemployed in Jerusalem.

A second area, stretching from Motza to Sha'ar Hagai, will provide 12,000-14,000 dunams of land suitable for growing fruit trees after it has been cleared and terraces have been constructed, he said. Mr. Weitz noted that this land was ideally suited for peach trees.

A third area, stretching from Sha'ar Hagai to Hulda, can provide 90,000 dunams of good farm land.

Near the abandoned Arab village of Kaluna, a new settlement, Ganei Yerushalayim, is to rise. Each house is to be equipped with a small auxiliary farm on which the breadwinner can work in addition to his regular job in Jerusalem, which is within commuting distance.

Of the 26,489 dunams of land cleared for agriculture in 1953, 19,962 were in the hills, 11,535 in the Judean Hills, Mr. Weitz stated.

Land clearance is divided into three categories, light, medium and heavy, which costs IL.17, IL.46 and IL.202 a dunam respectively, he explained.

The Jewish National Fund has drawn up a plan to clear an additional 30,000 dunams this year, at a cost of IL.3,400,000, but this could not be implemented in full since the chances that the needed funds would be forthcoming were slight, Mr. Weitz concluded.

# Jewish DP Camps To Be Emptied

MUNICH, Sunday (Reuter). — The Joint Distribution Committee has set aside a special $650,000 fund to empty the remaining Jewish displaced persons camps in Germany, Austria and Italy, it was announced yesterday.

The money has been granted to the Committee by the Conference on Jewish Claims against Germany and comes from German Reparations payments.

The West German government has also provided 3m. marks ($750,000) in addition to close down camp Foehrenwald, near Munich. All this money will go to help Jewish displaced persons to emigrate or settle in the country they are now in.

There are still about 2,000 residents of Jewish displaced persons camps in Europe—the residue of 250,000, most of whom went to Israel, the U.S., Canada, Central and South America or Australia.

## US Scientist Here; Israel Scientist to Australia

Dr. Isidore Fankuchen, Professor of Applied Physics at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, New York, has arrived in Israel with his wife and son for a three-month visit as the guest of the Weizmann Institute. During his stay here, Professor Fankuchen, a world-renowned crystallographer, will take part in the Weizmann Institute's research programme.

Dr. Joseph Jaffe, Head of the Infra-red Laboratory at the Weizmann Institute, is to spend two or three months in Australia at the invitation of the Commonwealth Scientific Research Organization there. This will be in reciprocation for the visits paid to Israel in 1951 and 1954 by two leading Australian scientists doing work on infra-red spectroscopy.

## Architect Back From Tour of South Asia

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Back home after a three-month tour of South Asia, architect Arieh Sharon said that the architecture which had impressed him most was that of Japan.

Mr. Sharon attended the four-week conference arranged in New Delhi by the U.N. housing and community improvement seminar as one of nine experts — the others being four Americans, three British and one Greek. Later, he spent a fortnight in Burma at the invitation of the Rangoon Government.

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## At The Cinema

THE reasons for the present endless coups and counter coups in Egypt may be better understood by seeing "Sir Abi" (My Father's Secret), the Israel premiere of which will appear at the Orion during the holiday week.

The young Lebanese star actress, Sabah, and Cairo's leading comedian B'shara Wakim, give an excellent performance about life in the Nile valley in the middle of the 20th century, a story which again proves that in so deeply feudalistic a country a social revolution is a matter of generations, not years.

Here is the Pasha at his full power, exploiting his rural, ignorant, dependent tenants for whom he is the lord and his utterances are law; his actions are held sacred and not to be appealed against even if he is drunken, corrupt, and profligate. Only seldom, and mostly too late, does the hidden voice of the Muezzin, calling Believers to prayers, remind the lord of his religious obligations as a Moslem.

Produced by Nahas Studio, this film is one of the best Arabic pictures we have been able to see in Jerusalem in several years.

*WGT.*

### JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 2, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

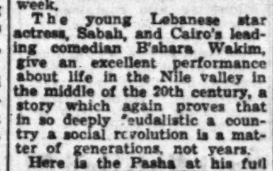
EDEN: The Prisoner of Zenda 2nd week.

ORGIL: Jack and the Beanstalk.

ORION: Slaves of Babylon. 3, 7, 9 p.m., Mats: 10.30 a.m., Snow White.

ORNA: Veils of Baghdad. Mats: 10.30 a.m. Hafuga.

ZION: Sensualita. Mats: 10.30 a.m., 3 p.m., King of the Rocket Men.



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B. Money?!
A. No!
C. Intelligence?
D. Impossible, because he asked what did he have & has no more.
A. Stop the guess work and jokes.
All: Come on, say it!
A. Dandruff I had — and have no more.
All: Impossible!
A. Yes, it's a fact!
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| Tiberias | 41 | 13 | 25 | 24 |
| Haifa Port | 65 | — | 20 | 19 |
| Na'anya | 61 | 12 | 20 | 20 |
| Tel Aviv Port | 71 | 13 | 18 | 20 |
| Lydda Airport | 61 | 9 | 20 | 22 |
| Jerusalem | — | 8 | 19 | 18 |
| Beersheba | 58 | — | 23 | 24 |
| Eilat | 22 | 15 | 30 | 30 |

**FORECAST:** Partly cloudy. Possible light showers in the North towards evening.

"A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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**WATER** was sold in Ramle for 100 pruta a tin on Friday owing to the breakdown of the municipal water network. Carts and donkeys laden with water were brought to Ramle from Lydda and other points.

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**OWING TO** line repair work by the Palestine Electric Corporation, there will probably be a shortage of water in northern and central Tel Aviv tomorrow from early morning until 4 p.m.

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**A ROLLER SKATING RINK** for children is to be opened today at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo as part of the week of special activities for children.

## Hadera Treasurer Quits; Charges Dropped

HADERA, Sunday. — The resignation of Mr. Ya'acov Ben-Yehuda, Treasurer of the Hadera Municipality, was announced by Mayor David Berman on the eve of Passover. Under an agreement reached with the Municipality, Mr. Ben-Yehuda will receive IL.5,000 as compensation and the Mayor has agreed to withdraw his charges against him.

## FOOTBALL RESULTS

Results of Saturday's football games were:

**Dr. Lorfreund Football Cup:** Jaffa Maccabi 2, Tel Aviv Hapoel 1; winner of cup, Tel Aviv Maccabi 4, Rehovot Maccabi 1. In the preliminaries: Tel Aviv Hapoel 1, Tel Aviv Maccabi 0; Jaffa Maccabi 2, Rehovot Maccabi 2.

**Ephraim Rubinstein Cup:** Tel Aviv Hakoach 3, Ramat Gan Maccabi 1; Nahariya Hapoel 4, Haifa Degel Yehuda 0;

**Friendly Games:** Ramat Gan Hapoel 2, Petah Tikva selected team 0; Ra'anana Hapoel 7, Kiryat Uno Hapoel 1; Kfar Saba Hapoel 2, Petah Tikva Hapoel 2; Tel Aviv Betar 2, Jerusalem Betar 2; Haifa Maccabi 2, Christian Brothers 2.

## Woolf Bilmes, British Zionist

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. Woolf Bilmes, of Brighton, England, died here yesterday of a heart attack. He and his wife had come as tourists for Passover.

Mr. Bilmes, who was over 70, had long been associated with the Zionist movement in England, and had also planted a number of orange groves in Rehovot.

### ANGLICAN MISSION

The Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem has informed *The Jerusalem Post* that Mr. Albert Bonk, whom an *Itim* report, printed last Thursday, described as "head of the Anglican Mission in Jerusalem," has no connection whatever, past or present, with the Anglican Mission in Jerusalem.

# USOM-Aided Housing Programme To Begin Immediately

TEL AVIV, Sunday (USIS). — A total of 3,077 immigrant families will receive permanent housing under a 4,574-housing unit building programme, to be put into effect immediately, it was announced on Friday by the Ministry of Finance and the U.S. Operations Mission.

The distribution of the housing by areas is as follows: Negev, 797 units; Central, 1,463; Jerusalem, 245; Shuval Area, 662; Galilee, 1,311; various villages, 136.

The total cost of the project will be IL.7.56m., of which IL.6m. will come from Counterpart Funds. IL.2.4m. of the latter sum is released at the present time. The entire project is scheduled for completion by the end of 1954.

Mr. Yitzhak Eylam, Director General of the Ministry of Labour, will be responsible for the implementation of the project, in collaboration with Mr. Harold Robinson, USOM housing specialist.

Other projects announced on Friday are:

1. For increasing the electricity supply and extending the national network. A total of 273.5 kilometres of power line will be replaced or newly built, transformer stations in Emek Yizrael and at Tel Aviv will have increased capacity, and preparatory work will be carried out for a new power station in the southern coastal plain. The work now put in hand should be completed by the end of July, 1954. Total cost: IL.3,495,000 and $1,786,000. The Israel currency will come from Counterpart Funds, IL.1,398,000 being released now, and $345,000 of the U.S. currency is provided by American Grant-in-Aid.
2. Construction of a building for Road Transport Traffic and Licensing at Haifa—for testing vehicles, medical examination, practical and theoretical testing of drivers and issue of driving and vehicle licences. Total cost: IL.110,000. Counterpart Funds: IL.80,000. Present release: IL.32,000.

### Highway Construction

3. Highway Construction: A section of main road on the new Beersheba-Nevatim-Kurnub link, four local roads and seven settlement approach roads will be built. Total cost: IL.876,000. Counterpart Funds: IL.876,000. Present release: IL.350,000.
4. The construction of a new fishing base at Kishon Harbour. This will accommodate 30 boats as compared with 17 at the old base displaced by the extension of Haifa Port. Piers, net-making and repairing facilities, cold storage and warehousing are now being provided. Total cost: IL.375,000. Counterpart Funds: IL.375,000. Present Release: IL.150,000.
5. Land clearance and reseeding for the improvement and extension of pasture lands in an area of 87,550 dunams in both the North and the South of the country. Total cost: IL.807,000. Counterpart Funds: IL.345,260. Present release: IL.138,000.
6. Improvements of airfields at Lydda and Eilat. Runway and tarmac extensions and surfacing; equipment and buildings. Total cost: IL.350,000. Counterpart Funds: IL.350,000. Present release: IL.140,000.
7. Aircraft fitting-out and overhauls. The interior of the newly acquired El Al Constellation plane is to be completely fitted out, and three other El Al Constellations overhauled. An estimated $670,000 in foreign currency will be saved by carrying out this work in the local overhaul base. Total cost: IL.565,000 and $130,000. Counterpart Funds: IL.565,000. Present release: IL.226,000.

### Meteorological Centre

8. Meteorological Centre. Centralized offices are to be constructed for the Israel Meteorological Service to concentrate the scattered offices, workshops, stores and archives and increase efficiency. An observation field, for investigations in applied meteorology, will adjoin the new building. A radio-sonde observation station, for improving forecasting ability, will also be built between Lydda and Tel Aviv. Total cost: IL.235,000. Counterpart Funds: IL.85,000. Present release: IL.34,000.
9. Modernizing of lighthouses at Haifa and Acre. Stella Maris Lighthouse at Haifa will have a more powerful light (3,000 watt) and improved automatic operating and emergency equipment. Acre Lighthouse will be fitted with automatic operating and emergency equipment, and on-the-spot repair facilities. Total cost: IL.20,000. Counterpart Funds: IL.20,000. Present release: IL.8,000.
10. Expansion of irrigation system in the Ephraim Hills area. Two new wells will be drilled in the Gal Ed and Dalia areas and a 1,000 cubic metre reservoir constructed at Gal Ed. Annual supply will be increased from 2,100,000 cu.m. to 4,400,000 cu.m., and the irrigation of an additional 4,000 dunams will be made possible. Total cost: IL.158,800. Counterpart Funds: IL.123,000. Present release: IL.49,250.

Further withdrawals on projects already authorized are: for industry — IL.121,000; for mining — IL.240,000; for education — IL.30,000.

## Economic Gains Laid To Reparations

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The quite substantial improvements in the country's economic situation, particularly in the supply of goods, can be attributed mainly to the smooth execution of the Reparations agreement, Dr. Yeshayahu Foerder, M.K. Chairman of the Shilumim Public Council, said at the Council's meeting here on the eve of the holiday.

He remarked that the success in the implementation of the agreement was greater than the use made here of the incoming goods, since local industry had not yet utilized the possibilities opened to it. He asserted that the sceptical attitude expressed here towards the realization of the Reparations agreement, apart from political objections to it, had proven unfounded and that the population now viewed the agreement with more favour.

Mr. Lillel Dan, Director General of the Shilumim Corporation, also stated that despite the three to eight years credit afforded to industrialists, they have been slow to purchase German goods. A change for the better has recently been noticed, he added. Speaking about delays in orders from here, Mr. Dan said that equipment for the various water projects was late, as all the 1 al bodies dealing with water development had not yet decided on the type they desired.

It was the Shilumim Corporation's policy to place large orders over a long period and the Purchasing Mission in Cologne was paying only 80% in cash, Mr. Dan stated, adding that he hoped orders would increase and the cash percentage decrease. The placing of large orders was beneficial as it made German industry intimately interested in the implementation of the Reparations agreement. The Germans had fulfilled the agreement to the letter and had introduced changes in accordance with the wishes of Israel industries, at the suggestions of German industries.

Following opinions expressed at the Council's meeting advocating liberalization in the purchasing of German goods, a committee was formed to provide suggestions as to the possibility of placing small orders in Germany directly without infringing the absolute rights of the Purchasing Mission.

## 'Academic Sportsmen' Win Running Cup

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The "Union of Academic Sportsmen" yesterday won outright the Dr. Theilhaber Running Cup given by the Brith Maccabim-Atid for an annual race through the streets of Tel Aviv. They won the 4,200-metre event for the third year running and will now keep the Cup.

They chalked up ten points for the race from the Brith Maccabim-Atid clubroom in Rehov Dizengoff through Zamenhoff, Shlomo Hamelech, Hanevi'im, Ibn Gavirol streets to the Kirya gate and back through Ibn Gavirol, Arlosoroff and Dizengoff streets, though David Habiv, of Brith Maccabim Tsafon Tel Aviv, came in first in 14:0.1 minutes. Sixty runners took part.

The junior race, over a 2,000-metre course, was won by Maccabi Tsafon Tel Aviv with S. Cohen, of the club, coming in first in 5:43.1 minutes.

**MEAT RATIONS** and two packages of matzot valued at IL.300 were stolen from the butcher shop of Zila Gershon in Rehov Hakishon, Tel Aviv, on Thursday night.

# Independents Seek Unity in Nazareth

MOHAMMED KHALIL SALEH, Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH, Sunday. — The pending Municipal Council coalition, resulting from last Monday's voting, has been the main topic of conversation in the town during the past few days.

Yaakub Farah, Independent Greek Orthodox, is attempting to combine the nine non-Communist Councillors into an anti-Communist coalition. The six Communists, for their part, have started negotiations with single Councillors in an effort to form a "democratic" coalition, similar to the Communist-Mapam coalition in Kafr Yassif.

Their programme is based on a struggle against the military regime and for a rates system based on income and not on the present assessment according to the number of rooms occupied, a Communist Party spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Greek Catholic Archbishop George Hakim described the election result as "a failure for the Christian community of Nazareth" and especially for the Greek Orthodox community. He blamed the Government's policy and "the backward way in which the election was managed" for the "unpleasant" result.

Whereas the Communists and the Catholics are each acting in unity, the four Moslem Councillors, representing three separate lists, have not yet shown a common front.

But if the choice of a mayor does not widen the rift between the non-Communist Councillors, in all probability they will form a coalition administration.

## Mapai Elects Joint Secretaries-General

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. Yona Kesse and Mr. Raphael Bash were unanimously elected joint Secretaries-General of Mapai by the Party's Secretariat which met here on Thursday. They are replacing Mr. Meir Argov, who has resigned because of ill health. The Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, attended the meeting.

Mr. Kesse, 47, is a member of Kvutzat Schiller, near Rehovot, and has represented his party in the Knesset since 1949. Mr. Bash, 42, of Kfar Blum, in Upper Galilee, has until now devoted much of his time to the youth movements.

The terms of reference of the two secretaries shave not been defined by the Secretariat, and are expected to be worked out by the secretaries themselves.

## Mine Detectors Helped Police Find Bank Loot

The two buried Tnuva milk containers, in which most of the money stolen from Jerusalem's Kupat Milve Vehissahon was found on Thursday, were discovered with mine detectors, it is learned. Police demolition experts combed many deserted lots before they discovered the caches. The value of the jewelry and arms found in the containers is estimated at about IL.7,000. *(Itim)*

## Earthquake Weather

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA, Sunday. — Rough seas off the Cyprus coast and violent day-do-day fluctuations are being regarded here as "earthquake weather" because similar climatic features were noted just before the 'quake hit the island last September 10, killing 40 and injuring 100.

During the past eight days, four tremors have been felt here.

# Pleasant Weather, Heavy Traffic Mark Holiday Weekend

Jerusalem Post Staff

Pleasant weather and full shelves in the shops made for a happy country-wide celebration of the beginning of the Pessah over the weekend holiday. Tourists kept the cities busy to compensate for the egress to settlements of thousands of families.

Jerusalem was quiet, as usual, as befitting the age-old capital, long habituated to the mass observance of the pilgrimage feasts. Yesburun Synagogue was packed to overflowing on Saturday night when the President paid his formal holiday visit. Yesterday morning, Chief Rabbi Herzog preached to a full congregation.

Guests of the Seder given by Chief Rabbi and Mrs. Herzog included the French Ambassador M. Pierre Gilbert, the American Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. James G. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. S. Kramer, Rabbi and Mrs. Shrock of Capetown, Reverend Falk of Melbourne and visitors from other Jewish communities throughout the world.

Many tourists were among the 250 persons who attended the Seder at the newly opened President Hotel. A second Seder for foreign visitors was held there last night.

The Eden Hotel received many non-Jewish guests for its large public Seder, including Baron and Baroness de Coppin, of Belgium. Also present was Mr. J.L. Marcus, brother of the late Colonel David Marcus.

About 10,000 pilgrims participated in the prayers at Mount Zion.

Ebullient Tel Aviv was gayer than the capital, with thousands of strollers enjoying the spring weather by the seashore and the banks of the Yarkon.

The sounds of the Seder service could be heard on Saturday night through open windows of brightly lit, holiday decked apartments. Hotels and pensions were packed with tourists and out-of-towners. A special committee arranged eight public Sedarim, and some hotels held a second Seder last night for foreign visitors.

The central bus terminal last night resembled a daytime rush hour but, compared with last year, order was exemplary, due to careful advance planning. By midnight, some 200 buses had left for Jerusalem or the North while about 10,000 passengers passed through the station on suburban trips. Taxis also did good business, carrying homegoers until after midnight.

The largest Seder service for American tourists was held at ZOA House in Tel Aviv, where Mr. P. Bernstein, Minister of Commerce and Industry, spoke. The entire service, conducted by Mr. Jacob Alkow, assisted by the Israel Vocal Ensemble, was recorded by Kol Zion Lagoiah for transmission to the U.S.

The festive week-end was quiet in Haifa. A number of public Sedarim were held, including one for soldiers arranged by the Soldiers' Welfare Committee.

About 5,000 visitors passed through Tiberias on Friday on their way to Jordan Valley settlements, many of which held their Sedarim in the open air. At the Galei Kinneret hotel, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, Minister of Justice, led the Seder for the seventh successive year.

The most joyous celebrants of the anniversary of the departure from the House of Bondage were 28 men from the Ma'asiyahu open prison and women from the Neve Tirza prison released on the eve of the Pessah shortly before the expiry of their sentences. The holiday amnesty was ordered by Minister of Police Behor Shitreet. Half the detainees in the Jerusalem gaol were also released on Friday after investigations into charges against them was speeded up.

The Chief-of-Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, attended an Army seder "somewhere in the Arava" conducted by Senior Chaplain Aluf-Mishne Shlomo Goren.

Sedarim were held wherever soldiers were on duty, in large bases and in small outposts.

### According To Their Tribes

HAIFA, Sunday. — In the Sha'ar Ha'aliya immigrant camp, the 1,200 newcomers failed to agree on Seder arrangements and each community insisted on holding its own, each led by its elders.

Altogether, seven different Sedarim were held, one each for immigrants from Cochin, the B'nei Israel from Bombay, and the Moroccan, Yemenite, Persian and Ashkenazi communities, and one for children receiving treatment in the isolation section of the camp.

The communities also declined to pray together today, and six separate services were held. As only three Scrolls of the Torah are available in the camp, the services were staggered.

## Coty Pardons Abetz, Nazi Gauleiter

AACHEN, Germany, Sunday (UP). — Otto Abetz, notorious Nazi Gauleiter and known as the "most hated man in France," arrived back in Germany today after being pardoned by President Coty after serving half of his 20-year sentence.

The former Nazi "Ambassador" to France was convicted in 1949 of complicity in the deportation and extermination of 120,000 Jews, the deportation of 1,500,000 French workers to forced labour camps, the execution of hostages and the instigation of the murder of French Cabinet Minister Georges Mandel, as well as a number of "lesser crimes."

## Israeli Held in Zurich On Murder Charge

ZURICH, Sunday (Reuter). — An Israeli, Jerzy Kasjan, has been arrested here on a charge of murdering Jakob Kleymann, 29, a stateless businessman believed to be of Polish origin.

Zurich police said Kasjan, 33, told them he shot Kleymann because he had betrayed and denounced a number of mutual friends. When told Kleymann had died, police said he repeated, "This is the happiest day of my life."

## Tito Returns Home

ISTANBUL, Sunday (Reuter). — Marshal Tito left for home today aboard the training ship Galeb at the end of his state visit to Turkey.

## Cables in Brief

**AWARD.** — First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party Nikita Khrushchev was awarded the Order of Lenin, Russia's highest honour, on his 60th birthday on Saturday.

**'AMBASSADOR.'** — Comedian Danny Kaye is to tour the world as an "ambassador at large" for the U.N. Children's Emergency Fund. He will leave New York by plane for London today. He will later travel to South Africa, India and Burma.

**BUTTERFAT.** — The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Friday night a sales programme that a spokesman said was designed to sell more butterfat and dried milk to the Middle East and Asia.

**FISHING.** — Franz Hammeleesch, Belgian skipper of an Ostend trawler has been fined 74,000 kronur (about £1,620) and his catch and equipment have been confiscated for illegal fishing in Icelandic waters. He has appealed to the Supreme Court in Reykjavik.


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Mr. Chakak was the late honorary president of the Iraqi Jewish Enterprises in Israel Ltd., and has himself donated a considerable share in clothing and foodstuffs to assist the Iraqi Jewish immigrants in Israel.

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SOUTH AFRICANS IN ISRAEL

SOUTH African Jewry, although small in numbers, has a long and honourable record of constructive pioneering activity in Israel, has initiated many projects of national significance and made a permanent impact upon the life of the State.

There are three ways in which Diaspora Jewry can assist the upbuilding of Israel and was able to assist the development of the Yishuv which preceded the State. These are support for those great finnacial institutions of the World Zionist Organization which implement the projects of settlement and absorption, by investment in local industry and by immigration. In all three, South Africa has excelled, particularly in the latter, by seeking that personal realization in Israel which is the essence of true Zionism.

But South African Jewry, in common with communities throughout the world, wrote another fine page in the history of its association with Israel. During the War of Liberation it sent hundreds of young men and women to fight as Mahal volunteers, a number which was greater in proportion than that from any other Western community. Many of these volunteers remained, and six years ago the South African Zionist Federation set up a special office here to care for their settlement and integration into the life of the country.

The work of this office rapidly developed. It has engaged in job-placing, the establishment of some 97 housing units and a hostel, assistance to *moshavim* and *kibbutzim*, the encouragement and promotion of tourism, the development of reciprocal trade between South Africa and Israel, educational work of all types among men, women and youth, the organization of youth leaders' courses in Israel and care for the manifold activities of the South African Zionist Movement.

The office also handles all gift funds from South Africa to Israel, most of which reach here in the form of goods. In 1953, these funds amounted to two million Israel pounds in addition to several hundred thousand pounds sterling which were remitted by direct bank transfer. Whether the direct control of all gift funds by the South African Zionist body is a procedure which other Zionist Federations should seek to emulate, is, of course, a matter for serious reflection. The question has often been debated abroad, and the consensus seems to be that monies raised for the national funds should be completely and freely at the disposal of those who frame the Jewish Agency budget.

However, one effect of the South African method has been the development in Israel of a coherent, well-organized and carefully nurtured group of South African immigrants. Unlike immigrants from other countries, South Africans have not added to the multiplicity of *Hitachduyot Olei*:.. "Immigrants *Landsmannschaften*," but the needs of South Africans in Israel are dealt with by a committee.

This body has now organized the first Conference of all South Africans in Israel, which will open in Tel Aviv tomorrow evening. The purpose of the conference is to sum up all these past activities of the South African Zionist Office in Israel, to examine the problem of future *aliya* and of emigration; to stress the role of new immigrants as citizens of this country and to examine the possibilities of further investment and trade; the special problems of the agricultural settlements and the future of the rebuilding of Ascalon — in revivification of which South Africa has already played such a large and influential role.

The contribution of South Africans here in Israel to the life of the State has been exemplary, and it is to be hoped that out of the conference will come a message of encouragement to other South Africans still at home to join the local community in its complete and successful integration into the life of Israel.

# South African 'Coloureds' Deprived of All Rights

By JOHN WORRALL

CAPE TOWN, (OFNS). — THERE is perhaps no "mixed" race so mixed as the one million Coloured people of South Africa. A Coloured has the blood of European, Negro, Hottentot, Bushman, Bantu, Sinhalese, Indian and Malay, in various permutations and combinations.

The Coloureds live mainly in the Cape Province. Their origins lie chiefly in the slaves brought from the East by the Dutch East India Company in the 17th and 18th centuries; in irregular associations between European men and African and Hottentot and slave women in the years of colonization, and in casual intercourse between sailors and women of many colours in the port of Cape Town.

Coloureds have acquired the characteristics of a separate race. The higher strata are proud people, conscious of their close association with and descent from the Europeans. They regard themselves as greatly superior to the African (who conversely, because of his pure blood, sees himself as superior to the Coloureds) and have social habits and customs similar to those of Europeans.

**No More "Passing"**

There was a time when every Coloured woman hoped that her child would be born White, and thus might be able to "pass" for White, go to a White school and eventually, perhaps, marry into a White family. Now in its efforts to secure the "purity" of the White race, the Nationalist Government is making efforts to use legislation to prevent "passing." The Popular Registration Act provides every citizen, of whatever colour, with an identity certificate, stating his origins and racial background in such unequivocal terms that in future few Coloureds will be able to escape their race classification.

The result has been that hundreds of families who were either "passing" for White, or were on the borderline, have been thrown back into the Coloured cauldron.

Other "purification" legislation to which the Coloureds are subjected are the Immorality Amendment Act, which has extended to Coloureds the prohibition of sexual relations between Whites and Africans, and the Mixed Marriage Act, forbidding Coloured-White marriages. This legislation has aggravated the Coloureds' already deep sense of inferiority, and has caused much bitterness, and a marked lapse from the old loyalty to the Europeans.

In the past three years, the Coloureds have been the centre of controversy over their political status. This has had world-wide repercussions and has done more than anything else to bring the race policies of the Premier, Dr. Daniel F. Malan, to the notice of the civilized world. The crux of the controversy is the Government's efforts to remove the Coloured Voters of the Cape Province and Natal (elsewhere Coloureds have no vote) from the common voters' roll, and give to them communal representation similar to that of the Africans.

The Coloureds are the only non-White race in the Union with common roll status; so if the Nationalists manage to remove them from the roll, political segregation will be complete. About 50,000 voters are affected.

The Government brought in the Separate Representation of Voters Act, which was the subject of a court battle and was declared illegal by the Appeal Court under the provisions of the entrenched clauses of the South Africa Act, which gave South Africa its constitution. Now the Government proposes to reintroduce similar legislation, and hopes to pass it through Parliament with a two-thirds majority of a joint sitting of the Upper and Lower Houses, a prerequisite laid down by the South Africa Act, of any change in the Constitution.

Even now the status of Coloured voters is not equal to that of the Whites. The Coloured man has to qualify with a wage of not less than 50 pounds (IL.352) a year, or property worth not less than 75 pounds, (IL.378) and he must be literate to the extent of writing his name and address and that of his employer. Coloured women have no vote. For Whites there is no voting qualification except that of South Africa citizenship.

Another move in the process of territorial segregation is the Group Areas Act which will separate Coloureds from Whites, and indeed Coloureds from Africans, Indians and Malaya. This will entail large-scale uprooting of Coloured communities now living cheek-by-jowl with Whites.

Cape Town, where the Coloured people are an integral part of the landscape, is still the Union's most liberal city. There are Coloureds on the City Council; there is no colour bar at the City Hall concerts and entertainments; the council has a number of efficient Coloured traffic policemen who are authorized to "ticket" Whites.

**Poverty Rife**

There is a rising middle class of Coloured doctors, lawyers, teachers, owners of small businesses and shops and skilled artisans. These men will suffer greatly from invasion of the rights of citizenship, and are the spearhead of agitation against the new laws. From them the scale descends through clerks and small artisans, down to thousands who live in shanties, picking up a meagre living as best they can. Poverty is rife, and with it goes a high death rate from tuberculosis, alcoholism and drug addiction (the popular, and illegal, smoke is *dagga* a form of *marijuana*.)

It is true that most Coloureds are so concerned with earning a living that they do not care about politics or communal welfare. They are so used to the colour bar that they do not think twice about it. The term used in addressing the White is "master."

Cape Province provides some fine schools for Coloureds, but there are not enough and they are overcrowded — although education is not compulsory for Coloured children. Most Coloureds speak a racy Afrikaans patois, full of wit and humour. Nearly all are fully bilingual.

The Coloured people are great sportsmen. They are musical and dance well, and among the great annual events in Cape Town are the New Year Coon Carnivals and processions. They are intensely religious: they are fairly evenly divided between Roman Catholic, Dutch Reformed Church and Church of England.

*(This is the second of three articles).*

*Reading the Haggada aboard an Israel ship*

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# MUSICAL DIARY

MARC Rozelaar (cello) and Gershon Jarecki (piano) appeared in a recital at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hoofien in Jerusalem on Tuesday night. Beethoven's Second Sonata for cello in G-minor, op.5, was fine teamwork, animated and with real concert pitch. Mr. Rozelaar soulfully read Bach's suite for cello in G-major, and the duo was in top form with Mendelssohn's effective "Variations concertantes," op. 17.

Highlight of the concert was Debussy's sonata for cello and piano, composed in cyclic rather than in sonata form, although the structure of the finale was as little orthodox, for instance, as the rondo (allegro) of the Beethoven sonata. The sarcastic glimpses of this, Debussy's penultimate composition, bear an affinity to Stravinsky.

Joaquin Nin's "Chants d'Espagne" made a gay and colourful conclusion.

IT was a bold experiment to present the Yemenite mezzo-soprano Naomi Zuri in 12 of the finest Schubert lieder in the original language at the fifth concert of the Jerusalem Musicians' Association at the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday. Miss Zuri tellingly proved her voice culture and sense of style. She commands an excellent technique, her timbre improved in smoothness after her studies abroad, her pronunciation was clear and she knew how to differentiate between the lyrical and dramatic features in such gems as "Auf dem Wasser zu singen"; "Im Abendrot"; "Gretchen am Spinnrade." But in this case particularly one wonders if it would not have been more suitable to offer at least some of the songs in Hebrew translation. Arieh Sachs was excellent at the piano.

Schubert's piano sonata in G Major op. 78 was nothing short of grandiose in Gershon Jarecki's congenial interpretation. Notwithstanding the "heavenly length," every phrase, every bar was inspired, delicate in touch, full of subtle feeling, bel canto, masterly contrasted by dramatic accents and that essential element of resignation. We cannot remember such a deeply moving performance since Arthur Schnabel.

It seems significant that Mr. Jarecki was at the peak of his power after his performance with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in Tel Aviv on Sunday and Monday and another recital the night before in Jerusalem. This shows that an artist must be "in practice" to give outstanding performances: and promising young musicians cannot develop without opportunities to appear in public.

*FRANCO*

**In Tel Aviv**

TWO of the younger Israel musicians appeared on the concert stage last week. The pianist Dina Avrech played Rachmaninoff's second piano concerto at the I.P.O. concert for the Military Forces (at the Ohel Shem Hall in Tel Aviv).

Dina Avrech is technically firm; occasionally, however, psychological doubts and hesitations — not lack of impulse — make her playing less effective than it could be.

Shimon Mishori, leader of the Kol Yisrael Orchestra, gave a recital at the Z.O.A. House auditorium. He plays with a small, although warm and pleasant tone, and his interpretation of Grieg's refreshing and melodious C-minor sonata was pleasant to hear. (Walter Aufhauser accompanied very well). On the other hand, Bach's solo Partita in D minor, one of the greatest and most provocative works ever written for the violin, requires more physical as well as spiritual determination and vigour than Mishori was able to offer.

The rest of the programme included dances from "Soloushka" by Prokofieff and de Falla's "Suite populaire espagnole." *Mo.*

# KEEPING POSTED

THE days before Pessah, as everybody knows, are almost entirely taken up with food problems, but even these are being steadily mechanized. We bought a little tin of nescafe and were impressed to see that it was *Kasher le Pessah*, all the way from Messrs. Nestle in America. There seems to us only limited satisfaction in tinned and imported *kashrut*. The genuine feeling of a special holiday is induced in us every year when we walk up our road and see that the little rough brick and stone oven is in operation again outside the synagogue, ready to cleanse the utensils of all *hamets* for a small fee. Its customers are mostly the very old who have come with an old pram full of pots and pans and spoons for dipping in the seething cauldron. But every year there is also a new generation of very small children, clutching three spoons or a sieve that their mother forgot to send with the first batch. They stand proudly inside the garden, envied by a complement of others of the same age on the pavement outside, obviously not orthodox and sorry that they are locked out from this fascinating game.

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*WE were travelling on a road down south the other day. The barley and the wheat was high and green and we wondered whether marauders would come to tunnel soothes through it. There was a plane overhead, and there was no knowing whether it was out for exercise or whether it was on patrol. The farmers down there use old-fashioned carts, whether for economy or because it reminds them of Central European village homes, driven mainly by boys whose legs are too short to straddle the fat horses, but who like it better that way than sitting tamely in the driver's seat. It was a peaceful scene and we hoped nobody would start any shooting. Presently we saw an Army staff car tear down the road. Behind it swayed several military trucks that we scanned anxiously for signs of trouble in progress. When they had passed us and we could look into their open backs we saw that their load was big packets of matza, and relaxed.*

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SIGN of the times: A Jerusalemite told her household help that she was sorry but that she could not raise her wages again. The woman was angry at being refused, and said, "What do you mean, even the doctors are asking for more now."

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*A FRIEND who was in Nazareth for the Municipal Elections says he thinks everybody enjoyed themselves hugely. There were a lot of posters, one of the most popular being aimed at the Communists who included two women on their list (low enough down to be safe from any danger of election), and which showed a woman haranguing the crowd from her balcony, while her husband cooked dinner. There was trouble, he says, between the Mother Superior of a Convent which does not permit the nuns to leave the compound, and the Polling Officer, who explained that if a booth was put up inside the Convent it would be easy for anybody to tell how many nuns had voted. The Mother Superior could not see why that mattered, but the nuns paid a brief cautious visit to the outside world. The 15 Jewish residents of Nazareth were wooed at length by all the parties, but are said, for reasons of local politics, finally to have cast their vote for the Greek Orthodox list.*

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THE narrow room of the mayor in the old Turkish fortress became more and more crowded as the night wore on and the results were being brought in until notables, members of the election committees and newspapers could scarcely find room for their feet. Fortunately, the Nazareth mayor has a tradition of hospitality to keep up and his guests, though they ran to many scores, were all at intervals solemnly served little cups of coffee with real *chel* for flavour, as though each one was a private and honoured guest. Nothing like it in other cities, our reporter says.

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# Negev Is An Exacting Master

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

WORK hard, settler. In a few years you'll be as prosperous as the *moshavniks* in Nahalal and Kfar Vitkin. There is water coming down in pipes all the way from the North. You'll have 20 fruit trees around your home, and vegetables, and gladioli for export, and groundnuts to sell to the oil factory. And ten dunams under olive trees, sparsely planted so that you can grow vegetables between them. You'll get five sheep and one goat. No cows. And you'll have your own fine little house, two rooms etc., with a red-tiled roof. If you work hard enough, you'll arrive in, say, five years. You'll have cost the Jewish Agency some IL.12,000 but no one will begrudge you the expense if you really become a prosperous, self-supporting, hard-working farmer in the Negev. On the contrary, you'll be hailed as a pioneer, and your children will be proud of you.

For many years the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department was used to fighting away groups of young enthusiasts, who demanded nothing more than a patch of waste land and a wooden hut or two for a start. It took a fervent idealist to become a farmer; but there was never a lack of them, although the conditions of life were known to be trying.

**Settler Shortage**

Of late, few newcomers have felt the urge to rejuvenate the nation. Those who came did so out of necessity. What they want is to make a decent living. It is, therefore, in the interest of the Jewish People and of the State of Israel to create such inducements to would-be settlers as will make the Negev inhabited country.

Consequently, the standards of new settlements in the Northern Negev are much higher than they were in the period of mass settlement a few years ago. The houses are nearly twice as large, and are better built. Their plan is that adopted by many suburban housing schemes: they have two rooms, sometimes three, and bright-red, tiled roofs. Roads are constructed right into the heart of the new settlement. Irrigation pipes are installed on most of the projected irrigated area before the settler sets foot in the village. The Ministry for Religious Affairs promptly establishes a hut to serve as a synagogue. A schoolteacher is there, and a kindergarten, and a hut is reserved for public activities. There is no marked difference between the situation in such a cooperative village and the new suburban quarters, except that houses in the village are spaced farther apart, and the country around is ploughed, and the nearest clusters of white-washed, tile-roofed houses are far away.

**Ties to Land**

Now the lot of the settler is still far from easy. In Neve Moshe, which is said to be typical of the settlements established last year, for seven months the settlers lived in wooden and canvas huts. The new houses have no inner doors. There is no electricity, and no entertainment whatsoever, and the library is only a promise as yet. Children keep coming, and the housewife is visibly overworked. The earth is an exacting master: a day away from the field is a day lost in the building of the farmer's future.

A visitor to Neve Moshe learns that the settler appreciates the value of the gift which he has received from the nation, and that he is wholeheartedly devoting his energy to his future. The settlers are all city dwellers who have decided to make a new start in their lives. When they first came to the spot, temporarily called "Shuval A", part of the would-be farmers turned tail and went back to the city. But those who remained in the bleak, dusty hills of the Negev had contracted the enthusiasm of the idealists of the past. You could detect it in the look of the bronzed, hatless young man from Hungary who inspected the water distribution tank with almost loving gaze.

"We'll do well here, after a time. I feel we shall do well." His shoes were covered with clods of earth, dried white, He smiled.

Not far from Neve Moshe (named after Moshe Smilansky, the Rehovot farmer-author), the Jewish Agency has been preparing 1,000 dunams under irrigation for a new type of land exploitation. The area has been leased to a group of Be'er Tuvia settlers who undertook to employ new immigrants, assuring them daily work. Houses for the farm-hands will be at the top of a hill. It is believed that some people will be willing to come to live and work on such farms for a season or two, preferring to find out if they are suited to village life before they decide to start out on their own.

Whether the idea is sound remains to be seen within two or three years.


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